As per provision of the PRB Act, 1867, the publishers are required to submit the Annual Statements upto the last day of February every year. The circulation figures are compiled by the office of RNI thereafter and printed in 'Press in India', brought out every year after 30th September. As such, the figures of circulation of these newspapers/periodicals will be available only after 30.9.1997 when the compilation of the Press in India, 1997 is completed.

(b) The details are given in Annexure. [*See Appendix 180, Annexure No. 52*]

(c) The policy governing release of Government advertisements is to secure widest possible coverage. Advertisements are released to newspapers/periodicals, empanelled with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP), keeping in view the publicity requirements, target readership and area and budgetary provisions.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन का क्षेत्रीय पुनर्गठन

2541. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय को "आकाशवाणी" और दूरदर्शन का क्षेत्रीय पुनर्गठन करने के संबंध में हाल ही में कुछ सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम): (क) और (ख) परियोजना कार्य-निष्पादन संबंधी दक्षता को कारगर बनाने और इसे बढ़ाने तथा प्रसारण नेटवर्क जिसमें पिछले दो दशकों के दौरान काफी तेजी से विस्तार हुआ है, के अनुरक्षण एवं पर्यवेक्षण हेतु और अधिक जोनों/कार्यालयों को सृजित करने के लिए आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन के क्षेत्रीय ढांचे के पुनर्गठन के संबंध में एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है।

(ग) 5वें वेतन आयोग की रिपोर्ट के कार्यान्वयन तक एककों या पदों के सृजन संबंधी किसी नए प्रस्ताव पर कार्यवाही नहीं की जा रही है।

Live telecast of 'Shrikrishna Janma Mahotsava' from dwarkasheesh, Gujarat

2542. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to issue instructions for live telecast of 'Srikrishna Janma Mahotswa' from Dwarkasheesh, Gujarat, like live telecast of Krishna Janam celebration from Mathura and Rath Yatra celebration from Jagannathpuri;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on such requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The request was made to arrange live telecast of Srikrishna Janamostva from Dwarkasheesh Temple, Dwarka.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan explored technical feasibility for live telecast but due to non-availability of DOT Microwave link for transmission of coverage signal from Dwarka to Ahmedabad/Delhi, it was not possible to telecast it live. However, Doordarshan arranged the coverage of the celebrations and a TV report was telecast.

Amendment to Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution

2543. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution in matter of appointment and transfer of Judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) whether Government propose to bring forward the Bill to this effect in the current Session of Parliament;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the significant backgrounds which lead to this amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (d) The Government proposes to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in the current Session of Parliament to make changes in the existing system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices of the High Courts, Judges of the High Courts and transfer of Judges of the High Courts.

Government has felt it necessary to amend the Constitution to reiterate and spell out the intent of the framers of the Constitution clearly and unambiguously with a view to keep it beyond the pale of any controversy.

Lowering of age limit of the Members of Rajya Sabha

2544. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals to reduce the age limit from 30 years to 25 years of the Members of Rajya Sabha are under consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government have since taken any decision on such proposals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposal to reduce the age limit of the Members of Rajya Sabha from 30 years to 25 years is one of the various proposals being discussed by Government with political parties. However, so far, no decision has been taken in the matter.

मध्य प्रदेश में लोक अदालतें आयोजित किया जाना

2545. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1995 तथा 1996 के दौरान कुल कितनी लोक अदालतों का आयोजन किया गया; और

(ख) राज्य में सिविल न्यायालयों में लम्बित मामलों के तेजी से निपटान के लिये लोक अदालतों को अधिक सुदृढ़ किये जाने हेतु किये गये प्रयासों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी॰ खलप): (क) मध्य प्रदेश विधिक सहायता और सलाह बोर्ड से प्राप्त जानकारी के आधार पर वर्ष 1995 और 1996 के दौरान लगभग 554 लोक अदालतें आयोजित की गई थीं।

(ख) राज्य के सिविल न्यायालयों में लंबित मामलों के शीघ्र निपटारे के लिए पर्याप्त प्रचार के साथ कम अंतर पर अधिक से अधिक लोक अदालतें आयोजित करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण अधिनियम के प्रवर्तन से लोक अदालतों को कानूनी आधार दिया गया है और उसका अधिनिर्णय न्यायालय की डिक्री है, जो अंतिम, आबद्धकर और अपील योग्य नहीं है।

Working of the Law Commission

2546. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the present membership of the Law Commission with dates of appointment and terms and conditions for membership;

(b) the brief resume of the work done by the Commission during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) number of reports submitted by the Commission so for alongwith their titles and dates of submission; and

(d) the subjects which are currently under examination by the Law Commission?